


**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

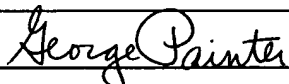
The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Khoury (U.S. 6,163,378). In response, applicant has canceled claim 1 and added new claims that patentably distinguish over the prior art.

If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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